

Historic St. Joseph's Church

"Year of Saint Joseph"

A Roman Catholic Community founded in 1862

600 State Street, Schenectady, New York 12305

Parish Office (518) 374-4466 email: saintjoes225@yahoo.com

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m. + Sunday: 9:30 a.m. + Weekdays: 12:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first weekend of the month during Mass. A Baptism preparation class is a requirement prior to Baptism. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation is celebrated each day following the 12:15 pm Mass or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

NOTICE: Engaged couples who desire to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Joseph's, should contact the Parish Office at least nine months prior to setting a date. No other plans or deposits should be made until a Church date has been secured.

Visitation and Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs or when the sick, aged or homebound requests the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or a visit from our Visitation Ministers.

Faith Formation Program

Faith Formation classes are available for grades Pre-K through 11th grade, including sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Classes meet on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Please call the Parish Office at (518) 374-4466 to register or for more information.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dominic P. Isopo, Pastor

Sacristan/Bulletin Editor: Donald W. Penta, dpenta30@aol.com

Administrative Assistant: Ann Marie Coons

Music Director: Mark C. Reilly

Faith Formation: Julie Biittig & Annemarie LeClair, Coordinators

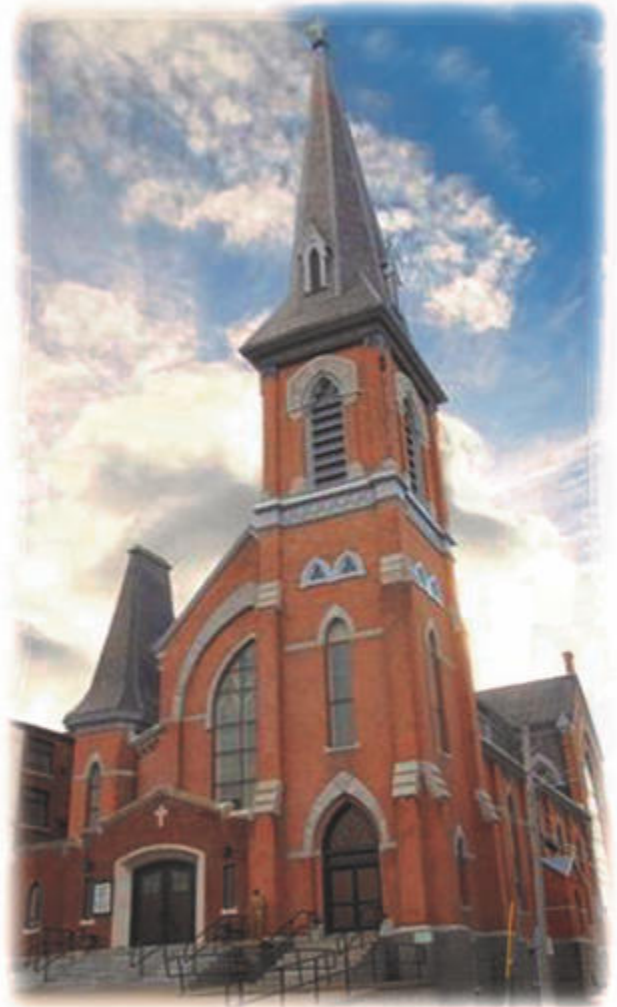
Office: 225 Lafayette Street, Schenectady, New York 12305

Cemetery Superintendent: Matthew Mountain, please call (518) 372-8805; or email: stjosephschenectady@gmail.com, 100 Kings Road, Schenectady, New York 12304

Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Mass Taping, aired on Channel 1301, Tuesdays, at 2:00 p.m. and the following Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

New Parishioners

All are welcome to join our Parish. Registration Forms may be found at the Church entrances.



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021

St. Joseph's Place: 837 Albany Street, Schenectady, New York, 12307 at (518) 982-0355. **Coordinators:** Sr. Ann Christi Brink, CSJ and Sr. Linda Neil, CSJ. St. Joseph's Place is an outreach ministry of St. Joseph's Church, a drop in center serving the Hamilton Hill area. **Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021

**“TO SIT AT MY RIGHT OR AT MY LEFT
 IS NOT MINE TO GIVE!”**

Today we hear Jesus ask James and John, “What do you wish me to do for you?” Their response betrays their self-centeredness. We ought to remind ourselves that what Jesus has already done for us exceeds all we could possibly ask. Rather than following the example of those two disciples, let us look to the author of Hebrews, who called us to approach Jesus to receive mercy and to find grace. Let us do so as we receive Him in the Eucharist.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday – 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9; Tuesday – Rom 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21; Lk 12:35-38; Wednesday – Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48; Thursday – Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53; Friday – Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59; Saturday – Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9.

2021 – 2022 DIOCESAN APPEAL

Monthly or one-time gifts by credit card can be made via secure website at donate.thediocesanappeal.org. You can also make a pledge at that site as well as pledge payments. Questions – call the Office of Stewardship at (518) 453-6680 or email stewardship@rcda.org. Our Goal this Year is **\$23,945**. **As usual, the Parish receives credit for your appeal gifts.** As the Diocese serves as a critical partner with us serving you, we thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of a pledge or a one-time payment to the Diocesan Appeal.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do this week to put myself selflessly at the service of others?

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH CELEBRATION

During this Year of St. Joseph, our Patron Saint, the Holy Father invites us to reflect more deeply on how St. Joseph loved Jesus with a **father’s heart**. Joseph’s unhesitating adherence to God’s will as he faithfully and lovingly protected the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother bears witness to our own call as Christians to safeguard God’s gift of human life. The Christian Service Committee invites you to celebrate this special event by attend a special breakfast on **Sunday, October 24th following the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Church hall. All are welcome!!!**

Please Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary during the month of October!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
October 9/10	\$2,415.00	\$2,600.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

**LOOK AT THE ADVERTISERS
 SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH BULLETIN!**



Celebrate With Us -
October 18 to October 24, 2021

- Monday**
12:15 PM Edward & Alice Ryan, req. by Son
- Tuesday**
12:15 PM John & Mary Kinney & Their Families
- Wednesday**
12:15 PM Health & Welfare for Patricia Washington, req. by Friends of Family
- Thursday**
12:15 PM For the People
- Friday**
12:15 PM 11th Ann. Memorial for Patricia Formosa, req. by Hanaway Family
Kathy Brucker, req. by Family
- Saturday**
5:30 PM 15th Ann. Memorial for Christopher Charoensook, req. by D’Allaird Family
- Sunday**
9:30 AM Joseph Muth, req. by Richard Muth
William & Mary Barkowski, req. by Son, Edward

SANCTUARY LAMP

**15th Anniversary Memorial for Christopher Charoensook
 req. by D’Allaird Family**

ZITI DINNER TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Tickets are now being sold at the both entrances of the Church before and after each Mass for the **15th Annual Election Day Ziti Dinner** set for **Tuesday, November 2nd**, and the servings will be from **11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$9.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children under 12 years of age. Take-out service will also be available by calling (518) 225-4626 beginning at 11:00 a.m. the day of the dinner, indicating what time you would like to pick up your orders. Again, we would like to make this an **ALL-OUT PARISH FUND RAISING EFFORT**, and we are asking for your help! We will need cooks, servers, set-up and clean-up crews, dishwashers, etc. **Sign-up posters/sheets, recruiting volunteers, are now at both entrances of the Church.** We will need help on **Saturday, October 30th starting at 8:30 a.m. and on Tuesday, November 2nd starting at 8:00 a.m.** So please sign up indicating your intentions. We are still looking for donations from Parishioners, vendors and other individuals who might be able to help us out with **12 packs of soda, regular and diet and cases of water**, etc. A letter requesting donations, on behalf of St. Joseph’s Church, is available to give to any contacts you may have. See Donald Penta for copies of said letter. **Cash donations are also being accepted!** Again this is worth repeating – we would like to make this an all-out Parish effort and we are asking for your help! Thanks for your continued cooperation!

ANointing OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated NEXT weekend, **October 23rd/24th** during the 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses. This comforting and healing Sacrament uses holy oil as a symbol of God’s rich and lasting care for us. The Sacrament is celebrated for those with incurable illness, anyone facing surgery, those experiencing a relapse after getting well, persons with difficulties related to age and those challenged by mental illness.

WHO IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST AMONG YOU?

“What do you wish me to do for you?” There is no doubt about it; competition is as keen today as it was during Jesus’ time. Human nature hasn’t changed much in the last 2 millennia. We are still driven to be number 1, to earn the most, achieve as much as we can, be recognized for our accomplishments, to get to eat at the ‘big’ table. Chapter 10 of St. Mark’s Gospel is filled with images of how difficult it is to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus. It begins with the Pharisees attempting to trip Jesus up regarding the ability of a man to divorce his wife. Jesus responds that God has created man and woman and it is God that has joined them together as one flesh and that no human must separate them. Commitment to a spouse is a lifelong one as discipleship to Christ must be a lifelong commitment. Jesus teaches his disciples that we must be willing to approach God with the innocence of a child with total trust in him. He admonishes the rich young man that he must sell all he has, give it to the poor and he would have treasures in heaven. Once he has done this, he tells the rich young man, “*come and follow me*”. Discipleship means being willing to give up all we have for the Kingdom of God. How often today do we struggle with these same things? When we are faced with issues in our relationships, are we willing to do all we can to meet our commitments to love one another as Christ loves us? Are we willing to put total trust in God, in God’s plan for us? Are we willing to go where God leads us, without question, without doubt? Can we meet the demand of discipleship by helping those on the fringe of society; feeding the poor, providing shelter to those in need, welcoming the stranger or the refugee reaching out to us? Which brings up today’s Gospel and the question James and John ask Jesus. Now, they most likely have reflected on Jesus’ words and actions. They have acknowledged that they are making a life- long commitment to follow him; they have put total trust in his message and ministry. They have given up everything to follow the Lord, their families, their livelihood, their possessions. And now they have a simple request of the man they are following—to be recognized. They are saying recognize us for the disciples we are; allow us, when you come into your glory, to sit on either side of you...to sit in a position of respect and honor. How does Jesus respond? He asks them to go deeper into their faith. He asks them if they could be baptized in the baptism he is being baptized in. Can they drink of the cup he will drink from? He challenges them as he challenges us, to reflect more deeply on their faith, to question themselves more, to modify their attitudes and behaviors to be more in line with the divine. Jesus was able to recognize their request, the competition that was developing, their desire to be recognized for their faith and their commitment to his mission and ministry. Jesus reminded all his followers that being a disciple, being a leader does not elevate us above everyone else. He teaches them, “*whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant, whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all*”. We are all equal in the eye of God and called to serve one another. And, although we are equal, each of us have been blessed with unique gifts...gifts given to live out our faith, to enrich the Kingdom, to serve one another, to help build the city of God. How will we use our gifts this day? Jesus asked us too, “*What do you wish me to do for you?*” God Bless...Fr. Isopo.

AN INVITATION TO CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Our Lady of Mercy Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites is a lay community of Catholic men and women, from all walks of life, pursuing a contemplative prayer life in the context of their daily personal, family and work activities in the world, under the protection of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, and inspired by the teachings of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and other Carmelite saints. If you have considered a contemplative prayer life or would like to expand your spirituality, perhaps this is for you. For more information, please call Barbara Leoni at (518) 281-1125.

WE WELCOME YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

We sincerely hope you feel at home and among friends. If you are a visitor just for today, we bid you Godspeed on your journey. If you **are seeking a Parish Community**, we will be delighted to **Welcome You** into our Parish Family! To register, there are Census Forms at both entrances of the Church in the top slot of the wooden stands. You can mail said form to the Parish Offices, place it in the offertory collection basket or hand it in by seeing Donald Penta. Thank You!

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

2021 Sign-up Dates

The Schenectady Concern for the Hungry is sponsoring their annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets for the needy in Schenectady County. Sign-ups will take place at ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL HALL, entrance on Eastern Avenue. The Sign-up dates and times to get a basket are as follows: Friday, October 22nd – 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 23rd – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 24th – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You must bring one of the following forms of ID with you to sign up: HEAP award letter, Referral letter from a community agency or spiritual leader, Benefit Card, SSI award letter, SSD award letter, WIC card, **Active, current** unemployment, Proof of residency in municipal housing, Current Food Stamp Card, Social Security Cards and Medicare Cards are **NOT** acceptable qualifying ID. **You must live in Schenectady County to get a Food Basket. You must bring proof of your current street address and proof of the number of family members if over 7.** You must sign up during these times to be **guaranteed** a basket. **Each eligible family may have one basket to share with their household!**

NOVEMBER IS ALL SOULS MONTH

The month of November is set aside to remember our beloved faithful departed. All Souls envelopes are in your regular offertory envelopes packet and extra envelopes have been placed at all the three bulletin stations. Those All Souls Envelopes received in the collection basket will be placed on the altar of sacrifice for the month of November, and all intentions will be remembered at all our Parish Masses during the month

CHRISTMAS GRAVE WREATHS

The wreath is made of intertwined pine boughs decorated for the Christmas holidays with a red bow. Order forms are available at the bulletin stations to order the evergreen wreaths for your cemetery plots at St. Joseph’s Cemetery. **Orders need to be prepaid by Sunday, November 14th. Cost is \$33.00.**

HAVE A GOOD WEEEEK!

Daily Bread Food Pantry
for food assistance, call (518) 347-1385
sponsored by St. Luke’s Roman Catholic Church

As a lasting tribute to St. Joseph’s
for future generations,
please remember your Parish in your will.
Corporate Name:
St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church,
Schenectady, New York

GLEASON FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Est. 1898

James J. Gleason
374-1134 • 730 Union Street, Schenectady

KENNEDY OPTICAL "Quality Eye Care... at affordable prices."

1675 Providence Avenue
Niskayuna, NY
518-377-2144

ST. JOSEPH PLACE

Sister Ann Christi Brink, CSJ
Sister Linda Neil, CSJ

A ministry of St. Joseph's Church

837 Albany St. / Schenectady, NY
abrink@csjalbany.org
linneil19@gmail.com

518-982-0355

DALY FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Family Owned & Operated Since 1930

LAWRENCE H. DALY, SR. MGR.

SUSAN E. DALY • LAWRENCE H. DALY, JR.

MICHAEL T. MEAGHER

In Loving Memory of Douglas M. Daly
242 McClellan Street **374-1600**

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH.

Buy a bulletin ad space today!

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection
From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



Authorized Provider

SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251



Ferrari's Ristorante

The Best in Italian Food Since 1974

Authentic Italian Food

- For All Your Special Occasions
- Banquet Facilities up to 65 people
- Catering from 10-500 people

Anthony & Joseph Ferrari

1254 Congress St. / Schenectady
518-382-8865 • ferrarisristorante.com

THIS SPACE IS
AVAILABLE

Call LPi at
1.800.477.4574
for more
information.

**AVAILABLE FOR
A LIMITED TIME!**

ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact **Thomas Jammalo**
to place an ad today!
tjammalo@4LPi.com or
(800) 477-4574 x6286

We've Missed You!

Welcome Back to Mass



*Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are
by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!*

www.ParishesOnline.com

